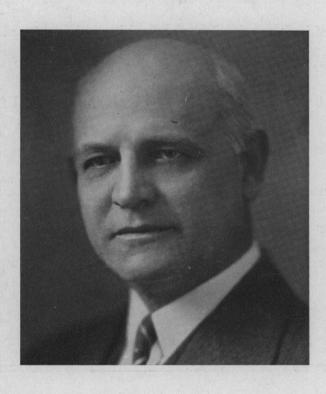
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12 Class Reunions Slated for Alumni Day--May 16th

PLANS for celebrating the annual return of former graduates to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute on Alumni Day, May 16, were announced this week by J. V. Brown, executive secretary of the Alumni Association. Exercises this year will feature return of old alumni between the classes of 1872 to 1880 and the reunion of 12 designated classes, he said.

Dr. Charles A. Brown, graduate with the class of 1892, and now associate superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools, will deliver the Alumni address. Presiding at the meeting which is to convene in Langdon Hall at 10 a. m. will be Dr. George Eason Blue, of Montgomery, alumni association president, who graduated from Auburn in 1910.

President Bradford Knapp will introduce the returning graduates of classes from 1872 to 1880. Reunions of the following classes will be held: 1891, '92, '97, '98, '99, 1902, '03, '04, '09, '10, '11, and '12.

Following the report of the Alumni president by Dr. Blue, J. V. Brown will make the report of the executive secretary of the association.

Concluding features of the exercises will be a discussion of athletics by Head Coach Chet Wynne and an address by Dr. Knapp.

Graduates will attend a barbecue luncheon at 12:30 p. m., and members of reunion classes will then hold meetings.

Special music for the occasion has been arranged by Prof. John W. Brigham, head of the music department.

With the baccalaureate sermon delivered on Sunday morning, May 15, in Langdon Hall by Dr. James Randolph Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, the 60th annual commencement exercises at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute will begin.

In making this announcement President Bradford Knapp said that a large number of relatives and friends of the seniors, alumni, and others interested in Auburn are expected to be here for this annual ALUMNI ORATOR

Honored by fellow alumni, Dr. Charles A. Brown, associate superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools, will return to his Alma Mater on Alumni Day, May 16, to deliver the annual address before returning graduates.

graduates.

After graduating at Auburn in 1892, Dr. Brown did graduate work at the University of Tennessee and University of Chicago. Dr. Brown began his distinguished career as an educator as a science teacher in the B:rmingham school system, receiving steady promotion through the various ranks until 1921 when he was made associate superintendent.

event to which the seniors have been looking forward since they began as freshmen at Auburn four years ago. It will climax their college careers.

The announcement by Dr. Knapp said that Monday, May 16, will be alumni day with Dr. Charles A. Brown, associate superintendent of Birmingham schools as the speaker. Dr. Brown is an alumnus of Auburn, class of 1892. Alumni will meet in Langdon Hall at 10:00 o'clock forenoon.

The annual R. O. T. C. military review and presentation of commissions to the students in the reserve army will take place in the forenoon, beginning at 9:00 a. m. It is expected that Governor B. M. Miller will be the reviewing officer and will award the commissions.

The presentation of Gounod's oratorio, "The Redemption," by the Auburn Choral Society under the direction of Prof. J. W. Brigham will take place at the Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m., Sunday, May 15. The oratorio was previously presented on Easter Sunday, and was a pronounced success.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees is scheduled for 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the office of Dr. Knapp with Governor Miller presiding. Members of the board are Governor B. M. Miller, exofficio; A. F. Harman, superintendent of education, ex-officio; Charles Henderson, Troy; J. A. Rogers, Gainesville; C. W. Ashcraft, Florence; H. H. Conner, Eufaula; Victor H. Hanson, Birmingham; W. H. Oates, Mobile; T. D. Samford, Opelika; P. S. Haley, Oakman; H. D. Merrill, Anniston; Harry Herzfield, Alexander City; C. S. Culver, Gadsden.

Graduation exercises will begin at 10:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 17. Following the baccalaureate address, which will be delivered by Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of Wofford College, at Spartanburg, S. C., degrees will be awarded to those who have completed requirements. Approximately 235 seniors are now in line for graduation. This is the greatest number ever to graduate at one time at Auburn. Special honors will be awarded at the same time.

DR. HOBBS

The 60th baccalaureate sermon at Auburn will be delivered by Dr. James Randolf Hobbs, DD., LL. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham. The subject of Dr. Hobbs' sermon will be "The Measure of Success."

After his ordination into the Baptist ministry in 1903, Dr. Hobbs held pastorates in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Arkansas, coming to Birmingham in 1919. Membership at the Southside Baptist Church was increased from 500 to 2,700 under his direction. He holds a commanding position among the Alabama and Southern Baptists and has experienced a successful ministerial career. His writings have been circulated widely in newspapers and in book form.

Dr. Hobbs has traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

DR. HENRY N. SNYDER

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder will deliver the Baccalaureate address at the 60th Commencement exercises of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Tuesday, May 17. Dr. Snyder, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., is one of the south's educational leaders.

Graduating at Vanderbilt University with both the A. B. and A. M. degrees, taking the latter in 1890, Dr. Snyder later studied at Gottingen, Germany and at the British Museum. He was awarded the honorary D. Litt. degree of the University of South Carolina in 1902 and the LL. D. in 1905. He has written extensively on American literature and Biblical subjects.

Death Claims Life of W. M. "Billy" Williams, '96

Photograph of Mr. Williams is carried on the cover of this issue.— Editor.

44 AUBURN has lost another of her great sons," said President Knapp upon the death of W. M. "Billy" Williams '96, which occurred on March 31 in Baltimore, Md. "It is hard to realize our great loss or to believe that 'Billy' Williams is no more. For almost forty years Auburn knew him and loved him as a student, as an athlete, as a scholar, as an instructor, as a graduate, as a successful lawyer, as Solicitor of a great Federal Department, as a high officer of the United States Treasury Department, as a distinguished member of the bar in Washington, as a sterling man of the highest character, as a friend, tried and true. Few men possessed a more attractive personality than genial, warm-nearted 'Billy' Williams. Cultured and gentlemanly in the highest and best sense of those words, he impressed everyone with whom he came in contact. Somehow he took away from Auburn, when he went into the world to make his place, such an abiding love for Auburn and for its traditions as few others have had.

"He was always willing with his counsel and advise, always ready to serve, always ready with time and talent and with his very substance. He was a true man, strong, virile, resourceful, and yet he was as tender and loving in his affections and in those intimate, finer, deeper and more sacred relationships as husband and father as only a fine, strong man could be. Auburn has lost a great and a good son who bore with him 'our sacred trust.' No one ever added laurels to Auburn's fame more devotedly than did our own 'Billy' Williams. It has been my personal privilege to know him intimately for the past fifteen years and to have formed such a personal attachment for him and such an estimate of his personality and character as I have tried to express in these few feeble words. To his devoted wife and two sons, one a student here at Auburn. we all send deepest sympathy beyond words."

The Plainsman, student paper, carried a worthy tribute to Mr. Williams:

"It would be difficult to express in words the loss that Auburn feels

upon the death of one of her most distinguished Alumni, William M. Williams, '96. 'Billy' Williams is endeared in the hearts of every true lover of Auburn for his services to our institution in many capacities, as a great athlete, as an influential political figure, and as a loyal alumnus.

"Entering Auburn in the fall of 1892, 'Billy' Williams immediately became a prominent figure in student activities, especially in athletics. He was probably the most outstanding halfback in the first decade of Southern football, playing first as substitute, then as regular, and finally as captain. Also, he was a spectacular baseball player, being noted chiefly as an extraordinary batter.

"But, as is true in an astonishingly high percentage of cases among outstanding college athletes, his football and baseball were but stepping stones for an even greater success in life

"After leaving Auburn the gridiron idol became a student, graduating from the Harvard Law School in 1899. He first practiced law in New York, but soon moved back to the South, becoming a member of the firm of Rushton, Williams, and Crenshaw at Montgomery. He was occupied in this capacity until President Wilson called him to Washington to enter the public service.

"It was at Washington that Mr. Williams became the head of one of the leading law firms of the national capital and a citizen of broad usefulness. While in Washington he occupied many public offices, as solicitor of the federal department of agriculture and commissioner of internal revenue.

"Although he had lived in Washington for fifteen years Mr. Williams never lost touch with Auburn and was deeply interested in the football recrudescence of his old school. In the last few years he had been in closer touch with Auburn as had been his desire, and he had especially impressed his personality upon the present student body.

"Mr. Williams was one of Auburn's truly great alumni, and our loss will impress itself upon us more and more forcefully as the years go by, and no one rises to take his place, a place which will be impossible to refill. Let us then keep his memory enshrined in our hearts as an example and as an

object of respect; he was a real Auburn man, and to be like 'Billy' Williams should be the goal of all Auburn men."

Dr. George Petrie's tribute to this great man is carried in full below. It was delivered at the funeral in West Point, Ga., on April 2.

"BILLY WILLIAMS"

"Dear friends—Yes, 'friends' is the word. Some I have known for a long time; some I am now with for the first time; but today we are all friends bound together by a common love and a common grief,—all friends of Billy Williams.

"It was once said of a famous man, 'If you seek his monument, look around.' Today we can say of our dear friend, 'If you seek his monument, look around.' In his own home friends pay their tender tribute of grief and love. In this, his own town, he is missed as few others have ever been missed. He was West Point's boy, its pride and its ideal. In Auburn, his college home, and in the larger Auburn wherever Auburn men get together throughout this broad land, everyone knew him and was proud of coming from the same college with 'Billy Williams' as we all loved to call him. In Montgomery where he began the practice of law, in Washington where he became famous, the bench and the bar unite in their respect for his learning, his character.

"What a tribute to him that all these people were his friends! These were the men and women who knew him; and the better they knew him the more they loved and trusted him! They loved him not because he was famous, but because he was a real man, strong, kindly, unspoiled by success,-a man to lean on. He loved his old home, his old friends. And this sweet and beautiful love was not dimmed, but glowed more brightly as success and fame came to him and he moved with the great and famous men of our nation. Just the other day he planned to come back here amidst the peaceful scenes of his home town and among the friends of his youth to regain his health and strength.

"Few who saw him amidst the friends of his early days could think of him, who was so natural and unspoiled, as the experienced man of the world, who by sheer personal

force and courage and unremitting labor had risen to the top of his profession and made his name a synonym not only for legal learning but for straight thinking and square dealing.

"To you here in his old home he will always be a fine West Point boy, an old time friend coming back to mingle gladly with you, his chums of former days.

"To us at Auburn he still seems a fine and happy-hearted college student, a splendid athlete, a scholar, a gentleman.

"To the members of the legal profession in Alabama, in New York, in Washington, he was and will long be remembered as a learned and able lawyer, loving his calling and jeal-ously preserving its high ideals, courteous to all, afraid of no one, sans peur et sans reproche.

"In the Department of the Treasury at Washington, in which he bore the full burden of administering the income tax laws and the prohibition laws, he won the praise of all for his expert knowledge of the law, his unfailing patience and fairness, and his unflinching courage and determination to do his duty.

"He was a man to depend on. Dr. Broun, former President at Auburn, summed up this characteristic when he said long ago: 'Mr. Williams is a man of his word.'

"Years later Secretary of the Treasury Houston said: 'I like Mr. Williams because he will keep on fighting for what is right, even after I stop.'

"That was Billy Williams, dependable, courageous, undismayed by adversity, unspoiled by success, the same simple, natural, unaffected friend to all men of high or low degree. I like to think of him as the young lawyer who got a poor negro out of jail in Montgomery and charged nothing for it, and years later the head of the income tax administration in an emergency helping the Chief Justice of the United States make out his income tax. My memory lingers tenderly on the last journey we took together, when I was hastening to my fathers bedside during his last illness. Never shall I forget the comforting influence of his fine, strong spirit, and his manly tactful sympathy.

"I believe he knows today how proud we are of him, how we love him, how we still lean on him.

"After a full day of work well done, what a blessed thing evening

is! How we welcome its quiet and its peace, and 'Nature's sweet restorer, sleep, that knitteth up the raveled sleeve of care!'

"So, with our dear friend. The busy day is over. His duty nobly done; he rests in the evening, peacefully awaiting the new dawn.

"'What doth the Lord require of a man? To do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with his God.' These things he did. Thank God for a life like his. This, his old home, is more like Heaven because he lived here, and to us Heaven is more like home because he is there."

In Memoriam

DR. C. G. ARBERY

Dr. Clifford G. Arbery, 48, widely known Anniston surgeon and physician, died suddenly at his home in Gadsden on March 9 as a result of heart attack.

Dr. Arbery apparently was in good health in the morning a short time before the attack. He had been in Birmingham Monday and Tuesday attending a session of the Southeastern Surgical Congress, an organization of about 40 surgeons of which he was a member.

Members of Dr. Arbery's family held the belief that over work during the past several weeks with little rest was largely responsible for the attack that caused his death.

Funeral services were held from the residence on March 11. Interment was made in the Jacksonville cemetery.

Dr. Arbery was born at Notasulga, Ala., November 23, 1883, the son of a physician, Dr. William Buchanan Arbery and Mary Goodman. He moved with his parents to Jacksonville when he was a child and was educated in the public schools there and later at Alabama Polytechnic Institute. After completing his course at Auburn he and his father operated a drug store under the firm name, W. B. Arbery and Son. After carrying on the drug store business for five years, he entered the Birmingham Medical College, which at that time was the medical school of the University of Alabama, and was graduated in 1910. Dr. Arbery practiced with his father at Jacksonville for five years and then moved to Anniston in 1915 establishing his office over Scarborough Drug Company, where it was located at the time of his death.

Dr. Arbery was the surgeon in charge of the group of doctors doing charity work at Garner Hospital during the first quarter of this year. He also was chairman of the executive committee of the staff of Garner Hospital and was a member of several medical associations. He was past president of the Calhoun County Medical Society, a member of the Alabama Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, Southern Surgical Congress, American Medical Association and Kappa Psi medical fraternity.

Dr. Arbery was an active member of the First Methodist Church, serving on the board of stewards and taking part in affairs of the congregation. He also was a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Anniston Country Club.

In August, 1905, Dr. Arbery was married to Miss Bama Florence Swan, daughter of the late Isaac Swan, former Calhoun County court clerk and a Democratic leader in political circles of the county. In addition to his wife, Dr. Arbery is survived by three children, William Clifford Arbery, of this city, Miss Virginia Arbery, a student at Alabama College for Women at Montevallo, and Mary Frances Arbery, Woodstock school pupil; his mother, Mrs. W. A. Arbery, who also lives in Anniston, and a sister, Mrs. Arnold.

GEORGE HUGH TAYLOR, 1925

News has recently been received of the death in October of George Hugh Taylor, who died of pneumonia at Boston after an illness of two months.

Mr. Taylor graduated from Auburn in electrical engineering in 1925. He was a member of the Kappa Phi and Square and Compass fraternities.

After graduating at Auburn he attended the Southern Military Academy at Greensboro, Ala., and later went to Red Bank, N. J., to take a summer course in engineering for the Western Union.

He was married in June, 1927, to Miss Adelaide Weller of Red Bank. He is survived by his wife and two children, Adelaide Emma, age three years, and Louise Virginia, one year, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Collins Taylor, who now resides at Marion,

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"Laughter Indicates One's Intelligence"

THE remarks of Pofessor C. G. Gaum '08, of the University Extension Division at the third and fourth meetings of the Management Institute in Newark, N. J., were of such consequence that the press of the country quoted some of them at considerable length, accompanying them with editorial comment, some favorable, a few unfavorable.

In his talk on "Mental Pitfalls of the Executive" delivered to the graduates of management study, Professor Gaum said: "Laughter is an accurate index of a man's intelligence. Tell me what you laugh at and I'll tell you your mental age.

"A list of the things you laugh at, or better say, that amuse you, arranged in order, would give a valuable indication of your intelligence—perhaps as accurate as any test capable of general application. We might begin the list with the man who is thrown into paroxysms of laughter by the picture of someone kicked by a mule—a favorite cartoon subject. We might end it with that notable book—Anatole France's devastating satire on the French Nation, 'Penguin Island.'

Rediscovery of Satire

"A curious effect of the business depression is the rediscovery of satire here in America. It is the expression of disillusion, yet not without its salutary effects. Satire has always been a powerful reform agent.

"There is appearing today a magazine which I believe will do more to take the 'bunk' out of advertising than anything else which might have been devised. The man in the street is rediscovering satire.

"I consider this bitter humor of the day, evident on stage and screen, in book and magazine, a natural accompaniment of the deflation period. A play satirizing Hollywood, a picture making the gangster a posing fool instead of a hero, will go a long way toward clarifying our attitude toward these two American products.

"Perhaps Sinclair Lewis' biting humor and unconcealed scorn for pretense did not reach enough people, but in these days of disillusionment, when we can laugh at the idiotic tooth-paste ad, the pretentious automobile announcement, the 'bunk' of toilet preparations, it becomes a truly healthy reaction.

"If we could only have laughed at the so-called economist who said 'you



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can always sell a stock for more than it cost you,' 'business can never drop back to normal,' 'a stock which has never paid a dividend is worth \$500.00 a share,' we'd have been a lot better off today.

Laughter Mark of Intelligence

"Laughter is an indication of intelligence, and of all the degrees of laughter, the laughter at oneself rates highest. A moron, a half-wit, even an idiot can laugh at other people's mishaps; the man who can laugh at a superstition, a custom, a tradition, an institution, must be an observer; but the man who can genuinely laugh at himself is truly intelligent."

In speaking to the business executives at an earlier meeting of the Management Institute, Professor Caum had declared that "American business men know so much that ain't so," in relation to the attitude of business a few years ago on training problems.

"The problem of training staff and operating personnel is not the comparatively simple one of the supplying of information and the teaching of processes," he said. "It is not ignorance alone with which you deal. There must be met and combated before training can begin, the preconceived ideas, half truths and traditional attitudes which lie at the bottom of much lack of progress in personal matters.

"We spend millions upon research in mechanical problems while our handling of the psychological problems of personal relations still savors of the earliest days. The employer who demands chemical analysis and elaborate mechanical testing of materials prides himself on his ability to 'size up' people, at a glance, perhaps. Or he hires a psychological quack to rate his whole force by the angles of their jaws, whether their faces are concave or convex. He may pick a technical employee out by means of a photograph plus a letter. He believes a blond salesman superior to a brunette, a tall one to the short, the married salesman to the single.

Faces Mean Little

"There is no scientific reason for believing one may read character from facial expression or ability or even intelligence. Emotions, yes—I can tell whether a man is angry, dejected, amused, afraid. But whether he will steal from me or lie to me cannot be predicted from a study of his face.

"Business men, and especially managers, must rid themselves of misconceptions based on glib generalizations. 'No generalization is ever absolutely true,' we hear—'and,' we add, 'Not even this one!'

"But we must avoid taking phrases for ideas, avoid subscribing to slogans rather than principles. And in no field is this more necessary than in personal relations—the field of applied psychology notably."

Learning Ability Chart

Introductory to the main theme of his lecture, Professor Gaum presented an interesting chart of the curve of learning ability showing that adults, contrary to the commonly accepted view, lost but little of their ability to learn entirely new subjects, while as a matter of fact they may actually outstrip the adolescent in many subjects where the experience and particularly their interests give them a great advantage. That "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is an exploded notion—one of the "things that ain't so" was the lesson Professor Gaum drew from the chart.

The Management Institute, which was addressed by Professor Gaum at its third and fourth meetings, and at its first and second meetings by Professor J. H. Vertrees, is conducted

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THE DEPRESSION AND EDUCATION

THE WORLD, our own country, and Alabama are floundering in the very throes of the deepest economic depression we have ever seen. In these times one hears a great deal regarding the cost of government, of the expenses of education and of the readjustments that must be made to bring us back to a reasonable degree of prosperity. Every such period carries with it burdens of untold character. Problems have arisen and are continuing to arise in ever field of human endeavor. Education, as a function of the state, is meeting these problems in common with all other activities

Recently I have heard many unwise and ill-considered statements on this subject. Not long ago a man said to me: "Why continue to educate engineers, or teachers, or scientists, when there is no place for them?" In the first place such a statement shows lack of faith in what has gone on in America; lack of faith in the future. The man who entertains such a notion places a heavy penalty on the present generation of young people and inflicts a heavy handicap upon the next generation. The present conditions of the world make education even more important than ever before. The great thinkers of our past history have all been men who believed that the education of the people was not only a primary duty of government but was a necessity of the highest character. In the days which are to come, the world, our own country and Alabama will need the service of highly trained men; men who can think honestly, conscientiously and accurately on important problems. Such men must lead the thinking of the world in the economic readjustments and in technical service to the people as a whole. The young men from eighteen to twenty-four years of age at the present time must get their education now. The world will get their services not necessarily on the day of their graduation but in the accumulating years as time passes. Auburn and other institutions of Alabama are not educating their young men and women for tomorrow but for the tasks which will fall most heavily upon their shoulders in the next twenty or thirty years. We are not going to remain in our present condition any great length of time. The day will come before long when the world will need her trained technicians, economists, engineers, scien-tists and the demand for them is going to be great. To deprive Alabama boys and girls of the opportunity to fit themselves for these tasks will be a crime against them, a crime against the history of our past progress and development. No matter if our order, our economic structure should be changed the need will be there. Nations which have changed and sought a new order have put great emphasis upon education and training. An enlightened nation with our form of government in which the whole body politic participates in some measure in the determination of national policies must have an enlightened leadership and an intelligent and educated common people.

Colleges and institutions of the character of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute were created at time when it was difficult for men in the ordinary walks of life to obtain a college education. The Land-Grant Act, known as the Morrill Act, of June 2, 1862, under which Auburn was organized, had for its object the establishing of colleges "in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life." Prior to that time college and university education was largely confined to the training of men for the so-called "learned professions"—doctors, lawyers, preachers, etc. The history of the development of the last century cannot be detailed here. But the students of this educational development must know how great a contribution these institutions have made to the agricultural, industrial and economic growth of America. These years have seen outstanding accomplishments in the development of our country through an increase of wealth unparalleled in the history of the world and an immense increase in the accomplishments of the human race in our day and time stimulated by the genius of our people in every walk of life. It has been said that the keynote of the American social order has been education. We have provided liberally for secondary education and for higher education both of the general and special types.

The very essence of democracy lies in the right of the son of the mechanic or the tenant farmer to develop his own personality and reach the highest of attainments in any field of endeavor for which he may be mentally, morally and physically fitted. Auburn today furnishes an opportunity for the sons and daughters of the poor as well as the rich to make their way in the world in fields of service not heretofore open to them. Auburn is proud of the fact and she believes that her destiny makes her the "Corner Stone of industrial and agricultural life in Alabama." Her sons and daughters have contributed much to the welfare of the state and as the years go by will contribute more.

We are bringing into the South a new industrial life and endeavoring to fit it in and connect it with the old agricultural life which was the primary basis of southern civilization. We are doing it in a new way not so much by establishing large industrial centers as we are by scattering industry among the people in closer relationship with the life of every community.

New competition and fundamental changes in the world's commerce and industry have brought new problems to the agricultural people of the South. Readjustments must be made. Doctor Clarence Poe of the Progres-

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Here and There About the Campus

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Ten members of the junior class were recently elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, honorary leadership fraternity.

They are James Backes of Mobile; John Chadwick of Nashville; John B. Garmany, Chattanooga; W. F. Ham, Cottonton; Jimmie Hitchcock, Union Springs; Lee Johnson, Langdale; R. P. Lapsley, Selma; Knox M. McMillan, Talladega; Howard W. Moss, Mobile; and Frank G. Noble, Tuskegee.

O. D. K. chooses its members from the outstanding campus leaders who are active in academic work, extra curricula activities, and athletics.

Nat Waller, Selma, attended the national convention of Scabbard and Blade held in St. Louis April 7, 8 and 9. Waller is captain of the Auburn company.

A. Calvin Black, Mobile, and I. L. Ledbetter, Bessemer, were elected editor-in-chief and business manager, respectively, of the Auburn Engineer, student technical publication. They will assume their duties in May. Both are members of the junior class.

Kenneth R. Clark, Fairfield, and Robert A. Mann, New Market, are the retiring editor-in-chief and business manager of the magazine.

Members of the senior class enrolled in business administration, and electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering made their annual trip of inspection to the Birmingham industrial district during the week April 3-9.

"A" Day was celebrated on the campus on Saturday, April 2, with a mock track meet, boxing matches, a baseball game, and "A" Club dance, and the festivities were attended by many students, faculty, townspeople, and visitors.

Sidney Lanier High School, Montgomery, was winner of the annual Alabama High School Dramatic Tournament held on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. In addition to the dramatics, contests were held in public speaking, music, poetry reading, and essay writing. The tourna-

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MORGAN BLAKE

who was a visitor to Auburn on Easter Sunday. Mr. Blake made an address on the subject "Athletics and Life" that was highly praised by the hundreds who heard him.

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Results of student elections held Wednesday, March 30, are as follows:

The Plainsman: Robert P. Greer, Birmingham, editor-in-chief; Knox M. McMillan, Talladega, business manager.

The Glomerata: John B. Garmany, Chattanooga, editor-in-chief; Frank Hardy, Troy, business manager; W. D. Wilson, Gadsden, art editor.

Class of 1933: W. F. Ham, Cottonton, president; Lee Johnson, Langdale, vice-president; Al Summerlin, Columbus, secretary; Nelson Thomas, Jones, treasurer; and Marshall Caley, Marion Junction, historian.

Class of 1934: Allen Rogers, Greenville, president; F. G. McCollum, Birmingham, vice-president; T. R. Head, Troy, secretary; Hugh L. Cottle, Montgomery, treasurer; and William W. Beck, Charleston, S. C., historian.

Class of 1935: Norman G. Houston, Sylvester, Ga., president; John H. Paterson, Montgomery, vice-president; Austin Martin, Wetumpka, secretary; James Cooper, Echola, treasurer; and Jack Knowlton, Birmingham, historian.

Scabbard and Blade elected 16 juniors in a recent election held in March.

The honorary military fraternity pledged the following: James M. Backs, Mobile; Asa. C. Black, Mobile; John R. Chadwick, Nashville; Theodore W. Clarkson, Gadsden; John R. Fonville, Montgomery; John B. Garmany, Chattanooga; R. Porter Grant, Dothan; William F. Ham, Cottonton; G. L. Johnson, Langdale; J. Lake Parker, Panola; Forney Renfro, Opelika; Sam E. Wittel, Demopolis; Herbert F. Croen, North Tarrytown, N. Y.; William Jackson, Birmingham; R. P. Lapsley, Selma; and Thomas W. Sparrow, Auburn.

The dedication of the new Auburn-Opelika Airport was held on Monday, April 4. Many spectators attended the celebration and inspected more than 45 visiting Army, Navy, National Guard, civilian, and commercial planes.

In recent meetings with teams from other colleges, the Auburn Debating Team has won from the University of Florida, Mercer University, and has lost to Colorado College.

Five students in business administration were pledged to Delta Sigma Pi, professional business and commercial fraternity.

Lilbern M. Carre, Anniston; Cary Hooks, Dothan; Hugh L. Cottle, Montgomery; Winston Sheehan, Montgomery; and Charles F. Workman, Ashland, were the men invited to become members.

M. P. Freret of Birmingham, and J. H. Reynolds, Jr., of Mobile, were elected captain and manager, respectively, of the Auburn rifle team for next year.

Election of 26 members of the Senior Class to Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, was announced by officers of the society. Phi Kappa Phi is organized for the purpose of encouraging scholarship and original study among students.

The seniors selected by the society are: Philip Appleby, Birmingham; J. C. Barrett, Jr., Birmingham; William H. Baskervill, Birmingham; Henry L. Beck, Charleston, S. C.; William H. Cowan, Decatur; Lemuel B. Crouch, Lanett; Sam B. Fort, Enslev; William E. Free, Bamberg, S. C.; Frank Welborn Hardie, Birmingham; Howard Hayes, Calera; William M. Keller, Birmingham; Elmer B. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.; Thomas W. Lumpkin, Millerville: Robert W. Montgomery, Moulton; Mary M. Newman, Goodwater; G. V. Nunn, Auburn; Tennie W. Owen, Columbus, Miss.; Thomas N. Pyke, Montgomery; Harold W. Sawyer, Auburn; Charles F. Simmons, Andalusia: Jesse D. Simmons, Andalusia; Jack F. Turner, St. Stephens; John F. Turner, Pisgah; Ignacio Villasenor, Guanajuato, Mexico; Sara Wilks, Opelika: and Robert E. Williams. Little Rock, Ark.

One hundred ninety-four juniors in the R. O. T. C. unit will attend the summer camp at Fort Benning, Ga., for six weeks beginning June 6.

Four new types of degrees are being awarded this year to graduates at commencement exercises. They are textile engineering, industrial engineering, aeronautical engineering, and applied arts.

The annual rigid inspection of the R. O. T. C. unit was made on April 25 and 26. Both theoretical and practical military instruction was inspected by visiting officers together with the investigation of equipment, maintenance, and condition. The Auburn unit has been awarded the highest rating for the past twelve years.

The glee club made appearances at Montevallo and Alexander City in a short tour made several weeks ago.

Juniors in engineering were named to membership in Tau Beta Pi in the spring election of the fraternity. Twelve members chosen by the engineering honor society are: T. E. Curtis, Fairhope; H. S. Gassman, Birmingham; L. A. Johnston, Willard, Ohio; R. P. Lapsley, Selma; W.

E. Cone, Birmingham; R. G. Pitts, Marion, E. H. Linch, Dothan; A. C. Black, Mobile; Otto Morningstar, Mobile; L P. Whorton, Gadsden; C. A. Bowles, Shelby; and J. C. Mac-Gregor, Auburn.

The first of a series of spring concerts was given by the Auburn Band Sunday, March 21.

"The Corporation as Legal Entity" was the subject of an address by Judge Walter B. Jones of Montgomery, made last month.

Eta Kappa Nu, national professional fraternity for electrical engineers, at its regular spring election held last month extended bids to membership to seven members of the junior class in electrical engineering. The seven men honored were: T. E. Curtis, Fairhope; H. S. Gassman, Birmingham; L. A. Johnston, Willard, Ohio; R. P. Lapsley, Selma; Warren McMahan, Tuscumbia; J. W. Solomon, Eufaula; and R. W. Wages, Birmingham.

At the annual spring election of Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemical fraternity, the following members of the Junior class in the school of chemistry were chosen:

Otto Morningstar, chemical engineering, Mobile, Ala.; Calvin Black, chemical engineering, Mobile, Ala.; Stell B. Yates, pharmaceutical chemistry, Lineville, Ala.; Leonidas P. Whorton, chemical engineering, Gadsden, Ala.; Leonard S. Cook, chemical engineering, Roanoke, Ala.; Ted M. Bishop, chemical engineering, Union Springs, Ala.

John C. Fonville of Montgomery, was elected president of the Executive Cabinet, undergraduate student governing body, at the first meeting attended by newly chosen members. Fonville is the representative from the School of Textile Engineering, and is a member of next year's senior class. Joe Ledbetter, Anderson, S. C., was selected vice-president, Herbert Harris, Gadsden, secretary, and Jack Williams, Sylacauga, treasurer.

Stewart C. Pugh, Union Springs, was elected chairman, and R. R. Martin, Jr., Montgomery, was chosen treasurer of the Social Committee for 1932-3. Other members of the committee are: W. B. Paterson, Montgomery, and Grigsby Christopher, Gadsden, seniors; T. R. Blanton, Forest City, N. C., Fred McLaren, Birmingham, and Horace Shepard, Mobile, juniors; and Neil Davis, Hartford, and G. K. Quinney, Ft. Benning, Ga., sophomores.

AUBURN'S WORLD-FAMOUS HURDLER CARRIES ON

CONQUERER of the leading indoor hurdlers in the country for the second successive year, Percy Beard, world's greatest timber-topper, has returned to Auburn to resume his duties as an instructor in civil engineering.

Beard, captain of Auburn's 1929 track and field team, who lives at Greensboro, entered the Milrose, Meadowbrook, Knights of Columbus, and New York Athletic Club games, and the Metropolitan A. A. U. and National A. A. U. championship meets during his brief stay in the East and triumphed in both his heat and in the finals in all except the Milrose games.

He was the first to cross the tape in his heat in the Milrose games, but was disqualified for knocking over an excessive number of hurdles. Even though he was undefeated in his first meet in the East this year, it was the first time since 1929 that he had not won first honors in every race in which he participated.

In winning the 60-yard high hurdle race in the National A. A. U. indoor track and field championships, Beard was one of two star athletes to defend a national title successfully, Fred Sturdy, Los Angeles Athletic Club pole vaulter, being the other.

Holder of the world's record for the 70-yard indoor high hurdles at 8.5 and the 120--yard high hurdles at 14.2, Beard will start training for the 1932 United States Olympic team in a few weeks. He will workout under Wilbur Hutsell, the master-mind who has directed him to the greatest heights any athlete can reach. Hutsell was an assistant coach of America's 1928 Olympic team.

1932 BASEBALL

Auburn 4, Minneapolis 6.

Auburn 6, Lanett Ath. Club 5.

Auburn 7. Minneapolis 5.

Auburn 0, Columbus 1.

Auburn 3, Georgia 1.

Auburn 9, Georgia 0. Auburn 3. Georgia 11.

Auburn 1, Georgia 5.

Auburn 6, Georgia Tech 6.

Auburn 12, Georgia Tech 10.

Auburn 8, Georgia Tech 7 (10 innings).

Auburn 4, Georgia Tech 5.

Auburn 5, Florida 2.

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What Became of the Classmates?

1896

From Sydney J. Bross comes a letter that is directed particularly to the members of his graduating class. He states that he would like very much to attend the class reunion, but it is impossible to do so.

"I do not at this or any other time feel the need of a renewal of acquaintance, good fellowship, and rejuvenation, because I feel that I have fortunately possessed these splendid elements all along down the line since the days of our close contact and association," Mr. Bross says in his letter. "But it would be unbounded joy to again strike hands with each of you—to walk and talk together again.

"Fellows, be cheerful and make merry, and may I humbly ask a continuation of your fond thoughts and recollections, and that I may have your toast for health, prosperity, and my share of happiness. My thoughts are of the greatest body of men in the world—the Class of '96; I drink to the continuation of the greatest things to each of you, an increase in good health, prosperity, and happiness."

Mr. Bross is city engineer and county surveyor of San Saba, Texas.

1897

Walter P. Holcombe, 280 Pearl St., Brooklyn, N. Y., is at present vice president of the Brooklyn Edison Company. Mr. Holcombe attended Auburn in 1896-7, taking graduate work in electrical engineering, having received the bachelor's degree from Centenary College, Louisiana, in 1896. He is a member of Kappa Alpha social fraternity, and was manager of the 1897 baseball squad and field captain of the football team.

Before becoming connected with Brooklyn Edison, Mr. Holcombe filled several engineering positions at Mobile, St. Louis, and Detroit.

In 1914 he was married to Miss Myra Vanderslice of St. Louis. He has three children, Virginia Taylor age 16, Ruth d'Armand 13, and Myra Vanderslice 6.

1898

At the head of the Engineering Department of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, is Colonel William A. Mitchell, who attended Auburn in 1895-6-7, leaving in December, 1897, to go to West Point.

As a graduate of West Point in 1902, Col. Mitchell stood first in his class. He was manager of the football team there. He is also a graduate of the Army Engineering School of Application, Army School of the Line, Army Field Engineering School, and Army Command and General Staff School.

Since leaving West Point, Col. Mitchell has risen from a second lieutenant to his present ranking. He was an instructor at the Army Command and General Staff, Fort Leaventhworth, before returning to West Point.

Among the achievements and honors of Col. Mitchell are included Distinguished Service Medal; Officer of the Legion of Honor; three Croix de Guerre with Palm; American Expeditionary Forces; Philippine Service Medal; and four times recommended for promotion to grade of Brigadier General for duty with combat troops in France.

Col. Mitchell has four children: Joseph Brady, 16 years old, attending Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va.; William A., Jr., age 14, high school student; Margery F., 13, high school; and Anne H., 6, grammar school. His wife was Miss Margery Neave Brady of Wheeling, West Virginia.

He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

1904

Louis Warren Duffee is in private practice as an engineer and architect, in Laurel, Miss. For the first 16 years following his graduation he was engaged mostly in railroad work, ending as chief engineer for the Gulf, Mobile and Northern R. R. For the past 11 years he has been in private practice. In 1906 and 1907 Mr. Duffee returned to Auburn to take graduate work.

A member of Alpha Tau Omega, Mr. Duffee was active in athletics. He was gymnasium instructor in 1903-4, organizer of basketball, and member of the senior team. He was a first lieutenant in the R. O. T. C., and winner of the Thomas Essay Medal in 1903.

He was married in 1913 to Miss

Susie Sadler of New Albany, Miss. His children are Louis A., 17 years old, Warren S., 15, and Mary Louise 9; all are attending Laurel Public Schools. Mr. Duffee's address is 1106 Second Avenue, Laurel.

1910

Professor J. B. Rutland, supervisor of vocational education work in agriculture in Texas, was in Auburn last month visiting his brother, Professor J. R. Rutland. The two visited relatives and old friends in Chambers County, where they were reared.

Professor Rutland graduated at Auburn in 1910. For a short time after graduation he was engaged in food inspection work under Dr. B. B. Ross. Later he taught in Louisiana, in the University of Florida, in Texas, and in the secondary agricultural school at Hamilton, Ala., before beginning his present work in Texas, where he is with the state department of education at Austin.

There were five of the Rutland boys and one sister; and each attended college at Auburn. Mrs. Judson R. Martin—the only sister—was here two years. Her husband is a Baptist minister at Jackson, Ala.

William Rutland, the older brother, is dead. Henry T. was a student at Auburn before going to the University to study law. He is now with the Postal Telegraph Company at Decatur, Georgia. Eugene came to Auburn and later went into the ministry. He is now pastor of the Methodist Church at Bowman, Georgia.

1911

M. A. Askew, whose address is 2733 Field Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, sent his dues this month. Mr. Askew is one of Auburn's most faithful alumni.

1915

James H. White sent his alumni dues to the executive office this month. He is president of the Southern National Gas Corporation, Birmingham.

F. H. Winston, 1111 W. Masonic Street, Gainesville, Florida, sent his dues this month.

1916

Kenneth G. Caughman is a practicing lawyer in Elizabeth, N. J., and has been engaged in this profes-

sion since 1926, graduating with a L. L. B. degree from the New Jersey Law School in 1925.

When he attended Auburn, Mr. Caughman was prominently identified with student activities. He was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, won his "A" playing varsity football in 1915, was sporting editor of the "Orange and Blue" in 1915-16, and was vice-president of the Y. M. C. A. the same year.

He saw 21 months' service in the World War with the 345th Infantry, 87th division, and 1919-20 was connected with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. In 1921-2 Mr. Caughman was with the Peter Breidt Brewing Co., Elizabeth, N. J., and was assistant treasurer of the Motor Finance Corporation, Newark, N. J., until 1926.

He has been named Exalted Ruler, B. P. O. E. No. 289 at Elizabeth, for 1932-3.

He was married in 1919 to Miss Louise H. Collins, and has one child, Kenneth G., Jr., seven years of age.

1918

The appointment of William A. Guess to the position of assistant division superintendent, Hudson division, of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey is announced in a recent publication of that organization

Mr. Guess was graduated in electrical engineering with the Class of 1919. He served in the Radio Division of the Signal Corps and Air Service of the United States Army from June, 1918, to December, 1918. He entered the test department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, in February, 1919, and in May, 1920, transferred to the Alternating Current Engineering Department of G. E. and worked in this department until September, 1921. At this time he entered Columbia University serving as laboratory assistant in the School of Engineering. During this time he took graduate work in the department of physics. He returned to the G. E. Company in January, 1923, and served until June, 1926, in the A. C. department. In June, 1926, he entered the employ of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company as division substation engineering, in the Hudson Division of the Electric Distribution Department.

The news of Mr. Guess was sent in by F. E. Bell, '21.

1919

E. R. Johnston, Gulfport, Miss., is now assistant to the sales manager of

the Mississippi Power Company, following a position as passenger agent of the American Express Co. Mr. Johnston was business manager of the glee club and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity while a student.

Since 1929, Edwin W. Freeman has been superintendent of operations, Cities Service Oil Co., Ltd., Toronto, Canada. He was graduated with a chemistry and metallurgy degree, and following his matriculation has held several positions. From 1919 to 1925 he did diversified work with the Cities Service Company in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Canada; was manager of the Florida Landscape Engineering Co., Tampa, 1925-6; combustion engineer, Sapulpa Refining Co., Sapulpa, Okla., 1927-8; and process foreman, Continental Refinery, Wichita Falls, Texas, 1928-9. While a student Mr. Freeman was a member of Sigma Alpha Eplison fraternity and second lieutenant of infantry. His wife was formerly Miss Maud Sprott of Manning, S. C. Mr. Freeman sends his best regards and best wishes to Auburn and her sons.

1921

F. E. "Ipsi" Bell visited his alma mater Saturday en route from Burlington, N. J., to Austin, Texas. He is with the United Engineering and Construction Company, Philadelphia, and is engaged in power plant construction work. He recently concluded a two and a half million dollar plant at Burlington, and will erect a big plant at Austin, Texas.

Bell was reared in Pensacola, Fla., being one of the many students to come to Auburn from that city.

1922

Writing his thesis on Alabama's unusual four-year schedule of legislative sessions, John Peavy Wright, formerly of Lee County and an Auburn graduate, received the Doctor of Philosophy degree at Harvard University on February 29. "The Limited Quadrennial Legislative Session in Alabama" was the title of his dissertation.

Dr. Wright graduated from Auburn in 1922. Following graduation he instructed in history at Barton Academy in Mobile, now Murphy High School. Later he was a summer school instructor in this subject at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

1922

Harry W. Watkins, who graduated from Auburn in the civil engineering course, works as an engineer at the Government Airport, Balboa, Canal Zone, Panama. Harry was known as "Watty" while attending Auburn, and was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

1924

Bascom A. Bates is assistant engineer, Central of Georgia Railway Co., Savannah, Ga., and has held this position since 1925. In 1924 and '25, he was instrumentman, Alabama Highway Department.

Mr. Bates has two children, Harold Bascom, age 5, and Charles Allen,

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age 2. His wife was Miss Nena P. Miller.

1925

J. F. Hamilton, who received a degree in education, is principal of the high school at Inverness, Ala. Mr.

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Hamilton is married to the former Miss Cecile Irene Jacobs and has one child, Alice Warden Hamilton.

1926

O. C. Helms is assistant county agent, Clarke County, at Grove Hill, and has held this position for two years. Prior to that time he was teacher of vocational agriculture at Perry County High School, Marion, for four years. Mr. Helms, following his graduation, has attended summer school in 1926-7-8-9. While in college he was a member of Square and Compass, Gamma Sigma Delta honorary agricultural fraternity, and Phi Gamma Delta honorary forensic society, and, in addition, was assistant in the agronomy and horticulture departments. His wife was Miss Julia Moore of Warrior, Ala.

Roy Kuykendall of Stoneville, Miss., is engaged in soil fertility investigations for the Delta Experiment Station, having held this position since 1927. After finishing at Auburn, he was assistant field scout, Federal Horticultural Board, and in the employ of the Thomas A. Edison rubber plant investigations before accepting his present position. In December, 1927, he was married to

Miss Lucile Sisson of Ohatchee, Ala. He has a son, Robert Roy, 4 years of age.

One of the many Auburn alumni now living in Florida is J. S. Jewitt, who resides in Lakeland. He was married to Miss Lucile Ansley of Thomasville, Ga., in 1907 and has three children, Margaret, Nan and J. S., Jr.

1927

P. D. Vann, Jr., is another one of the faithful who recently remitted alumni dues. He is a member of Theta Chi fraternity and is residing at Anniston.

James B. Leslie, Jr., is connected with the Mississippi River Commission, Vicksburg, Mississippi, and has had a variety of experiences in government work. He states that he had field experience in survey work, experience in hydraulic computations, and for the past year has assisted in writing a history of the Mississippi River Commission.

Last summer he attended Reserve Officers Camp at Fort Benning, Ga. Leslie graduated in civil engineering. As a student, he was a member of Sigma Pi social fraternity, and a number of honor societies.



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1927

James M. Earnest is a candidate for L. L. B. degree at George Washington University in June, 1932. He was admitted to the bar of Alabama last September and recently passed the bar examinations in Washington, and at present is associated with the law firm of George C. Shoemaker in Washington. Mr. Earnest was formerly connected with the legal department of the Westinghouse Elec. and Mfg. Co. He was a member of Theta Chi, Scabbard and Blade, Alpha Phi Epsilon, and Phi Delta Gamma fraternities during his attendance at Auburn. Mr. Earnest's address is 815-18th St., N. W., Washington.

1929

The principal of Central High School, Phenix City, Ala., is Martin C. Whitten, who graduated from Auburn in the summer of 1929 with a record of having only one subject in which his grade was below 90. Mr. Whitten attended Auburn for two years following his graduation from State Teachers College, Jacksonville, Ala. He is married to Miss Sarah Parker.

1930

Robert B. Kelso of Montgomery, was a visitor to Auburn April 6 and 7. Kelso graduated in business administration. He is a member of Sigma Pi fraternity.

1931

Miss Margaret Lawrenz, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, is doing graduate at Emory University, Atlanta, and expected to receive a master's degree in bichemistry in June. She is a member of Sigma Phi Beta sorority and Phi Kappa Phi, Chi Delta Phi, Alpha Phi Epsilon, Theta Alpha Phi and "Lamps" honorary societies.

Her address is 1223 Clifton Road, Atlanta.

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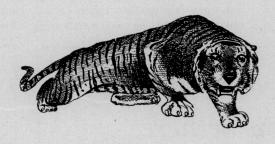
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sive Farmer recently stated that we have reached the end of three eras in our agricultural life. First the era of "migration" during which men constantly pushed on South and West into new territory and brought new lands under the plow. That day is past. There are no new lands. Second, we have reached the end of the era of "soil-mining." No longer can we trade the worn out soils of one farm for fresh and virgin lands nearby. We have been prodigal and wasteful of the precious elements of the soil and its capacity to produce. That day is also past and each farmer must develop what he has. Third, we have reached the end of production for production sake.

I have not attempted to quote Doc-

tor Poe accurately but these are his thoughts. Now comes the era of thrift, of economy, of farm management, of better organization upon each farm. The old system of the marketing must be replaced by an era of more careful safeguarding of the interest of agriculture as a whole through development and every endeavor to bring to each farmer the real value of what is produced. At the same time a reorganized agriculture must be more resourceful on each farm. Each farmer must maintain and build up the fertility of his own lands, he must buy less of the things he could produce, care for his own needs and widen his own opportunity for cash income by producing more than one cash crop to exchange in the markets of the world for that necessary income with which to build a better rural civilization. This is a difficult task. Many farmers in Alabama and in other parts of the South have already attained this type of organization but millions of others have yet to reach it. It is a task that is tied up with the financial interests, the business interests, the very economic welfare of all classes of our people. In such an era of readjustment we need trained men.

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WILSON PRINTING CO. 116-118 CATOMA ST. MONTGOMERY, ALA. and to make those readjustments which are absolutely necessary for our people. All elements of society must contribute to the public maintenance, including education, in proportion to their means and the burdens of government, including education, must be equitably distributed. There is no question but what this can be done if there is sufficient leadership and wisdom and at least some degree of unselfish purpose in what we attempt to do. Teachers have always been proverbially underpaid and salaries at Auburn are still below the average of those of other institutions of similar character in most of the states. Indeed it is true that the present grade of salaries at Auburn was not reached until very late in the recent period of high costs of living. We are willing to accept our fair and just share of the burdens of whatever temporary readjustment may be necessary while the state is coming back to days of prosperity. We have already shown this attitude. The figures will clearly show that Auburn has received a less proportion in cash of its annual appropriations from the State than any institution in Alabama. The staff of the institution has carried the institution thus far out of sheer courage and self-sacrifice. If the history could be fully written it would challenge the admiration of the friends of this institution and of all education. Men have lost their savings, sacrificed their small accumulations of a lifetime, lost the life insurance which protects their families, sacrificed the simple luxuries with which they were promoting the happiness of their families They have given of their own savings that the institution might carry on. The State of Alabama needs a unity of purpose, a breadth of conception and an infinite getting together to solve this and other pressing problems which it faces. There is a right way to do a thing which ought to be done. We in Alabama must pay our debts, balance our budget, tighten our belt and meet this issue squarely. It would be a travesty and a blot upon our record if we did it by destroying any part of the educational system of Alabama. We at Auburn stand ready to do our fair share with only one plea and that is that selfishness, jealousy and fault-finding shall not disrupt or overthrow that larger, broader and better conception that the Alabama of the future needs this institution and the others of the State to reach the high pinnacle of her real destiny. When America and the world shall begin to recover from the present conditions, no man can say, but unless the lessons of history are to be disregarded and forgotten some day we will find our way out of these difficulties into a new day of finer and better progress. This is the time for all Auburn men to stand together. The very heart of the institution needs the loyalty of every man and woman, not just because it is Auburn but because of what Auburn means to Alabama.

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J. R. GARDNER COLLECTS RARE BOOKS ON SOUTH AS A LIFE-LONG HOBBY

Though primarily concerned with his many duties as principal of the Graymont School in Birmingham, J. R. Gardner, Jr., '20, pursues the interesting hobby of collecting rare historical documents related to Alabama and the South. His collecting activities are entirely secondary to his school interests, he says, but his historical collection has already attracted the discerning eye of Dean George Petrie of the history department who considers his accumulations as highly important.

Confronted last summer with the many weeks of leisure he began looking for all books or pamphlets that concerned the South and especially Alabama. "In many cases," he says, "I have been amply rewarded by finding Pickett's histories, Saunder's 'Early Settlers of Alabama,' Flemings 'Civil War and Reconstruction in Alabama,' and many other rare books about Alabama or by Alabama authors. Often I keep them for my own shelves but in the last few months I have sent lists of them to others who I thought would be interested in buying them at prices far less than they can be secured from dealers. The whole scheme has proved so very interesting that I now think I have found a hobby at which I will play for the rest of my life. It would be a genuine pleasure to correspond with others who are interested in securing books on Alabama, the Civil War, The Confederacy, and the South."

Incidentally, Mr. Gardner added a last paragraph to his letter which was by no means uninteresting to the editor when he wrote, "I am inclosing a check for \$2 to be sure that my subscription to The Alumnus has not expired."

TEXTILE SCHOOL DEDICATION

Formal dedication of the new School of Textile Engineering at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute took place on May 6 when many prominent textile officials in Alabama and Georgia together with President M. L. Brittain of Georgia Tech and Edward T. Packard, Textile Foundation official, came to Auburn at the special invitation of President Bradford Knapp and Prof. E. V. Camp, textile engineering school head.

Exercises opened at 11:00 a.m. o'clock with an address by President Knapp on the development of Auburn's new textile school. A number of visitors were called upon to speak by Dr. Knapp.

Following the luncheon hour, visitors, the public, and students inspected the new textile building to see the machinery in operation.

Auburn's school of textile engineering reflects the vision of President Knapp and the Board of Trustees who realized the need for technically trained textile engineers to augment the South's great cotton industry.

The school was organized by Prof. E. V. Camp in 1929 and the new building was ready for occupancy in December, 1930. This year, after steady increase in student enrollment, Auburn will award the first degrees in textile engineering at the forthcoming commencement exercises. There are this year 62 students taking the textile engineering course.

Officers of the Block and Bridle Club for next year are: J. C. Odom, Parrish, president, H. M. Finney, Scottsboro, vice-president, and M. S. Phillips, Carrollton, secretary--treasurer.

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(Continued from page 6) for executives who have completed the two-year course in Industrial Organization and Management. Both the management course and the institute are held at the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, the former in weekly session, the latter every other week. In the Institute the men are given a detailed study of industrial psychology, psychology in management, latest developments in industrial relations, recent changes in advertising methods, unemployment remedies and business cycles.

Many prominent business men of concerns in and around Newark have been members of this group which has been in existence for several years. Professor R. N. Putnam is in charge of the management program, Carl R. Schroeder, manager of the Metal and Thermit Company of Jer-

sey City, is leader of the institute.— University Extension Record, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

IN MEMORIAM

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Ala. Funeral services were held at Hoboken, N. J., with burial at Fairview, N. J.

Mr. Taylor was 29 years of age.

W. C. McMILLAN

News of the death of W. C. McMillan, prominent Talladega citizen, was received here recently. Mr. McMillan died on February 10. He was graduated from Auburn in 1895.

He was president of the Alabama Cotton Mills in Talladega, and one of Auburn's most distinguished graduates and loyal alumni.

Mr. McMillan has sent three sons to Auburn: J. B., who graduated in

1929 and is now teaching at the University of Alabama; Robert A., a senior in the textile engineering course; and Knox M., junior enrolled in the general course.

There is a difference of 37 years in the ages of the youngest freshman and the oldest senior at Auburn. Fifteenyear-old George H. Lester of Birmingham is the youngest and Percy C. Ramsey of Fairfax, 52 years of age, is the oldest.

Tremendous benefits to Southern industries and agriculture from the further development of inland waterways were pictured to Auburn students by Col. Clarence B. Douglas, special representative of the Inland Waterways Corporations, who spoke here Feb. 1.

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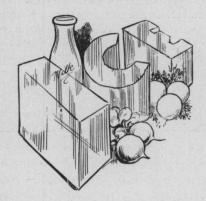
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